



All praise is due to Allah; we praise Him and seek His help and forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evil of our own selves and from our sinful deeds. Whomever Allah guides, there is none to misguide him; and whomever He leads astray, none can guide him. We bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah, alone, and we bear witness that Muhammad (ﷺ) is His servant and Messenger. We pray to Allah the Almighty to bestow His peace and blessings upon Prophet Muhammad, upon his good and pure family, as well as upon all the noble Companions and those who follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgement.

The present series covers a number of interesting topics that affect our everyday lives, and it is geared towards Muslim children born and brought up in the West, as well as Muslim children and adults in all parts of the world.

As colourful artwork appeals to children, we have produced the present series in beautiful colour illustrations that are bound to attract the young readers' attention, stimulate them and amuse them. We have, at times, used pictures of human beings and animals for the same purpose, but with the heads separated from the bodies, after consulting with some Muslim scholars from Al-Madinah, Saudi Arabia, who approved doing so as long as these publications are geared towards a younger audience. This will certainly stimulate young Muslim readers and amuse them, now that we live in a world that abounds with attractive publications that are, in the main, meant to pollute their thinking and keep them away from the right track.

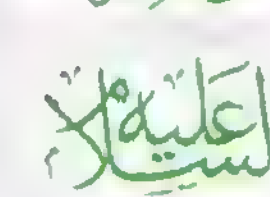
Our aim here is to provide an alternative that is purely Islamic and, at the same time, one that keeps up with the latest advances in material production to stay level with non-Muslim publications.

We pray to Allah to reward our endeavours and to make the present series abundantly beneficial to our young readers.

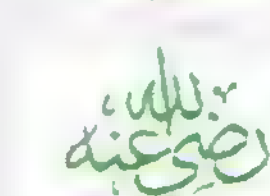
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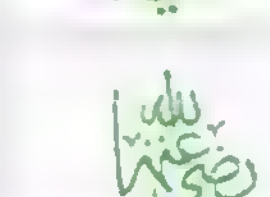
Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him



Peace be upon him



May Allah be pleased with him



May Allah be pleased with her

# Surat Al-Masad

## (The Palm Fibre)

1. Perish the two hands of Abu Lahab.
2. His wealth and his children will not benefit him.
3. He will be burnt in a fire of blazing flames.
4. And his wife, too, who carries wood,
5. Around her neck is a twisted rope of palm fibre.

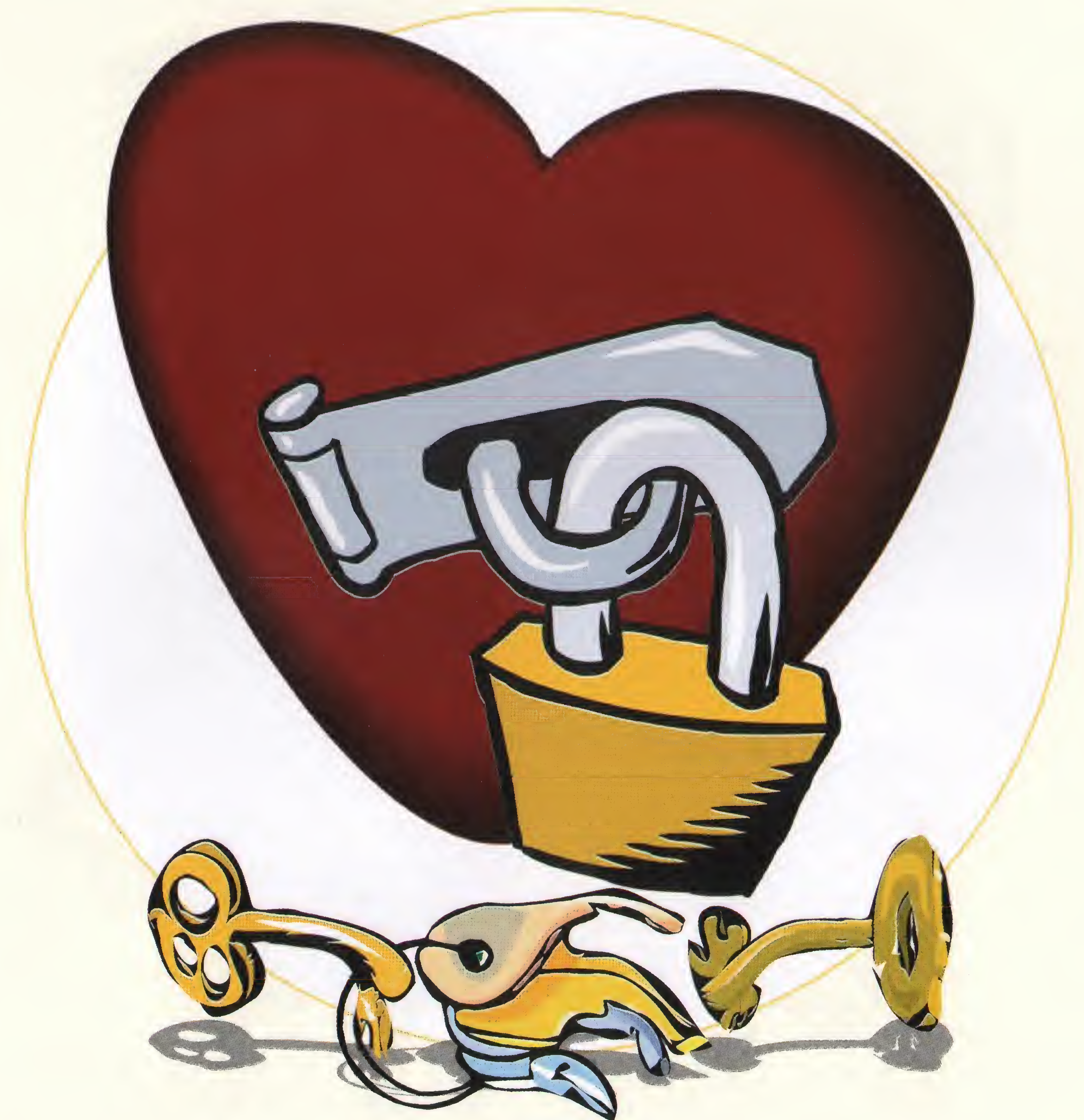


Abu Lahab was the uncle of Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ).

However, he did not like the Prophet (ﷺ), nor did he like the message of the Prophet (ﷺ) about Islam.



The Prophet (ﷺ) would do his very best to try and make his uncle understand, but Abu Lahab would not accept Islam.





Because the Prophet (ﷺ) would reject the idols and worship only Allah and he would tell the others to do the same, Abu Lahab began to hate him and would go out of his way to harm the Prophet (ﷺ).



There was once an occasion when the Prophet (ﷺ) went to the top of a hill in Makkah, called the people and asked them: "If I was to tell you that your enemies were coming to attack you, would you believe me?" The people replied: "Of course we will believe you." The Prophet (ﷺ) was known in the city for his good character, his honesty and truthfulness.





So, the Prophet (ﷺ) told the people about Allâh and how they should worship Allâh alone. Abu Lahab was in the crowd and was very angry with the Prophet (ﷺ).



He said to him:  
"May you perish! Is this what you called us for?"

"May you Perish" is like saying,  
'I hope you die!'

This is how much Abu Lahab hated Islam  
and hated the Prophet (ﷺ), his own nephew.

